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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Indigency has been a persistent social problem
3 throughout history and has reached an intolerable level
4 throughout our country; and

5 WHEREAS, People in urban, suburban, and rural areas of
6 Illinois experience indigency, proving that it is not just a
7 big city problem; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year sees an increase in the number of deaths
9 among those who lack funds to provide the barest essentials of
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, Bitter cold winters and extremely hot summers have
12 cost the lives of those individuals who simply could not afford
13 heating or air coolants and died from exposure; and

14 WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died, we must reach
15 out to help those in need; the extent to which our society can
16 counter the effects of indigency is a good measure of its
17 humaneness; and

18 WHEREAS, W. Earl Lewis served as Director of the Memorial
19 Ministry of Indigent Persons until his death and in his
20 capacity as Director, advocated for recognition of a day of

1 remembrance for indigent persons; and

2 WHEREAS, On May 27, 2015, the people of Chicago will gather
3 for the 30th Annual Interfaith Memorial Service for Indigent
4 People at the Chicago Temple/First United Methodist Church;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim Wednesday May 27,
9 2015, as "We Remember, We Care for Indigent Persons Day in
10 Illinois", and that we urge all citizens to observe, inform
11 themselves of, and support efforts to care for the indigent;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to all of the celebrants of "We Remember, We Care for
15 Indigent Persons Day in Illinois".